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The Honorable Stanley Eise
Speaker of the State Assembly
of the State of New York
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have been asked to respond to your letter of March 21, 1981 to Secretary of State Haig, enclosing a copy of New York State Legislative Resolution Number 222 which memorializes President Reagan and Secretary Haig to use all appropriate diplomatic means to obtain information concerning the fate of Hanoi Wallenberg.

I am pleased to say that the operative paragraph of this resolution is consistent with U.S. policy on the Wallenberg case.

The United States Government has been concerned over the fate of Hanoi Wallenberg since the case first came to light at the end of World War II. We have taken every appropriate opportunity to ask Soviet authorities for a clarification of the Wallenberg case. The Soviet authorities have persisted in maintaining that Wallenberg died in 1947 but have provided no further details. When we received reports which indicated the possibility that Wallenberg might still be alive, we raised the matter with the Soviets on numerous occasions throughout 1979. They finally answered, formally and in writing, in February of 1980, stating that Wallenberg had died in July of 1947. They also informed the Swedish Government of this finding and they indicated that they would have no further information on Wallenberg in the future.

The Wallenberg case remains a matter of continuing concern for the United States Government. We have continued our efforts to gain information regarding his fate. Most recently, in December of 1980 at the Madrid CSCE Review Conference, the United States delegation voiced its support for the position of the Government of Sweden when the Swedish delegation urged renewed efforts to resolve the Wallenberg case. In addition, representatives from the American Embassy in Stockholm attended sessions of the recent hearing on the Wallenberg case held in Stockholm.

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Sincerely,

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